

I am deeply concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary. Their decision to do so days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and strongarm tactics.

As does the rest of the broadcasting world, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead of focusing on real issues of local concern, these consolidated companies promote their own agendas and ignore what really matters in people's lives.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.